

Remarks

Applicants hereby cancel claims 4, 8, 11 and 14 and add new claims 32-35. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-16, 18-22, and 24-35 are pending in the present application. Support for new claims 32 and 33 may be found at least at page 6 lines 1-31 of the specification. Support for new claims 34 and 35 may be found at least at page 5 line 31 – page 6 line 31 of the specification.

On July 7, 2009, the Examiner conducted an interview with Applicants' attorney, James Shaurette. During the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that the Okabayashi reference (Japanese patent application 2003-052161), upon which all of the claim rejections of the May 14, 2009 office action were based, does not qualify as prior art. It was agreed that Applicants would submit this after final office action response and the Office would issue a non-final response if the application is not considered to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 10, 13, 19, and 22 have been amended to return these claims to their state as pending as of October 3, 2008 (except for amendments to form). The new dependent claims correspond to the language hereby deleted from claims 10, 13, 19, and 22.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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